

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL
B.S.A.

DATE January 26, 1961

Full Name Comstock, John D.?
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 24 Oak Street

City St. Albans State Vt.

Age 33 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age _____ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion ROMAN CATHOLIC Nationality AMERICAN (Foreign Canadian Parents)

Occupation NONE DISABLED VETERAN - (1945)

Education 2 YEARS College

Weight 178 (may not be exact) Color WHITE Height 5' - 8"

Color of hair BROWN Color of eyes BLUE

Outstanding characteristics or interests WALKS WITH LIMP - USES CANE MOST OF TIME

Married or single SINGLE Children _____
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name _____

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

Unit #	City	State	Office	Date reg'd.	Date resigned
PACK 3002	ST ALBANS	VERMONT	C.M.	APRIL 1954	JAN. 1961
TRUP 40	ST ALBANS	VERMONT	S.M.	DEC. 1959	JAN. 1961

Special recognition SENIORITY CUBMASTER'S KEY

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

LEAD AND NAUGHTY CONDUCT INVOLVING BOYS.
TRIAL DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET. WILL SEND RESULTS.

Signed Douglas R. Pluckton
Scout Executive

(D-787)

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Boy Scouts of America

Long Trail Council, Inc., No. 592

HEADQUARTERS:

44 Church Street
Burlington, Vermont
UNiversity 4-6763

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Delmar Wilson, Director
Division of Personnel
Boy Scouts of America
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Skipper:

Enclosed is a news clipping of a morals charge against John B. Comstock 21 Oak Street St. Albans, Vermont. He is registered as Cubmaster of Pack 3002 Holy Angels Roman Catholic Church and Scoutmaster of Troop 20 in the same parish in St. Albans, Vt.

We have withdrawn his registration card pending the results of the trial.

Contact has been made with the pastor of the church to continue the two units under new leadership.

Best regards.

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Sincerely yours,

Douglas R. Erichton
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Scout Executive

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January 26, 1961

Mr. Douglas Crichton, Scout Executive
Long Trail Council, No. 592
44 Church Street
Burlington, Vermont

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
Re: John D. Comstock

Dear Doug:

Thank you for the news clipping concerning John D. Comstock.
I am enclosing a confidential record sheet for your use to provide
us with a description of him, should he attempt to register in
future years. We will be very much interested in having the
results of the trial for our file.

Sincerely yours,
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Basil F. Starkey
Director of Registration

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Scout Leader Arrested On Morals Count

A prominent St. Albans Boy Scout leader and one-time candidate for alderman was arraigned in Franklin Municipal Court late this morning, charged with lewd and lascivious conduct.

John D. Comstock of Oak Street, cubmaster of the Holy Angels Parish pack, appeared before Municipal Court Judge Carl S. Gregg minutes after he was released from the St. Albans Hospital, where he had been for sev-

eral days.

A plea of innocent was entered in his behalf and he was immediately taken from St. Albans to the state hospital at Waterbury for observation.

The 35-year-old disabled war veteran was arrested by city police upon his discharge from the hospital. He was arrested on a complaint issued by Franklin County State's Attorney William B. Goldsby.

The complaint, according to Police Chief George E. Hebert, was issued yesterday morning and held until today.

The charge, a felony, carries a prison term of from one to five years.

The arrest followed a weeklong investigation started by Franklin County Sheriff John R. Finn and turned over to city police on Sunday.

The complaint alleges that acts of lewd and lascivious conduct were carried on by Comstock with "diverse boys" and upon "diverse occasions."

Comstock has been active in local scouting for a number of years.

His pack has been presented with several state awards and has figured prominently in scouting activities.

Two years ago, Comstock was a Republican candidate for alderman of Ward 3. Earlier, he had been mentioned as a possible candidate for the School Board.

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Board.

Sheriff Finn and Chief Hebert said this morning they have obtained signed statements from parents of boys with whom the alleged offenses occurred.

Comstock was admitted into the St. Albans Hospital Tuesday night. No reason for his confinement was given.

Memo

From

DOUGLAS R. CRICHTON
Scout Executive

To Basil Clokey: 5/15/61

Dear Basil:

Enclosed is a
news clipping on the
conviction of
John D. Comstock
at Albans, Vermont,
which you requested.
We have previously sent
in a confidential report
to you on him.

Sincerely,
Doug Crichton

LONG TRAIL COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
44 Church St.
BURLINGTON, VT.



Comstock's Sentence Is Suspended ^{4/15/61}

John Comstock, 33, former St. Albans Cub Scoutmaster, was given a two - to - three year suspended sentence in Franklin Municipal Court Friday, after he changed his plea from innocent to guilty on a charge of lewd and lascivious conduct involving boys under 16.

One of the terms of his suspension was that Comstock not associate with persons under the age of 18, and further that he not return to the St. Albans area.

Comstock was also ordered to pay court costs of \$95.30 through the probation department.

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